In Support of:

S.B. 4: AN ACT CONCERNING CONNECTICUT'S PRESENT AND FUTURE HOUSING NEEDS

Good afternoon Senator Moore, Representative Luxenberg, and the distinguished members of the Housing Committee:

My name is Annalisa Boerner and I live in New Haven.

I'm a member of Resource Generation's Connecticut Chapter. Resource Generation is a multiracial membership community of young people (18-35) with wealth and/or class privilege committed to the equitable distribution of wealth, land, and power. We are part of the CT Renews coalition.

I am testifying in strong support of S.B. 4: An Act Concerning Connecticut's Present and Future Housing Needs. Connecticut has an opportunity to make real progress towards fixing the housing crisis with this bill.

I grew up in Ohio, the child of one first-generation and one second-generation American. My parents were able to buy a house in a safe and well-appointed suburb and raise a daughter who grew up to be a professional musician. My classical music career is what brought me to Connecticut, and my love of the state is what has led me to put down roots and stay.

I am one of the lucky few in America: someone whose childhood all took place under one safe and stable roof. Every single family should be able to tell this sort of story, but the housing crisis continues to upend millions of Connecticut families. With the assurance of housing security I could focus on academics and music – because I never had to pack up and move. This lifestyle is currently a privilege, but is actually a human right. In Connecticut, we believe in good education, safe neighborhood ties, and strong communities, and housing security is how we get there.

We have a chance to put a real dent in the housing crisis with this legislation. The things included in this bill will really improve the quality of life of our communities. I urge the Committee to have the courage to make the right choice and pass S.B. 4 An Act Concerning Connecticut's Present and Future Housing Needs.

Thank you, Annalisa Boerner

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